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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to the letter of 3 August 1996 addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (S/1996/632), I have the honour to inform you of a series of violations of the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran and provocative acts by the forces of the United States of America in the Persian Gulf.

1. On 3 August 1996, at 1745 hours, an American fighter violated the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Bushehr and broke the sound barrier.

2. On 3 August 1996, at 2300 hours, an American fighter flying from west to east violated the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran over Abu Musa island.

3. On 3 August 1996, at 2330 hours, more than 20 American F-14 and F-15 fighters were observed flying 30 miles south of Bushehr.

It would be appreciated if the text of the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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